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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : Confirmation No. 2875
Naoki MIDOH et al. : Docket No. 2002-0317A
Serial No. 10/070,387 : Group Art Unit Not Yet Assigned
Filed March 6, 2002 : Examiner Not Yet Assigned

CYCLIC DEPSIPEPTIDE SYNTHETASE
AND GENE THEREOF, AND MASS
PRODUCTION SYSTEM FOR CYCLIC
DEPSIPEPTIDE

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FEES FOR THIS PAPER TO DEPOSIT
ACCOUNT NO. 23-0975

RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Notice dated May 20, 2002, there is submitted herewith, in a separate Preliminary Amendment, a paper copy of a revised Sequence Listing for the above-identified application which has been prepared in accordance with the sequence rules under 37 CFR 1.821-1.825. The revised Sequence Listing contains the identical sequences appearing in the original application papers. Thus, no new matter has been added.

There is also submitted herewith a copy of the revised Sequence Listing in computer readable form as required by 37 CFR 1.821(e). The content of the paper and computer readable copies are the same.

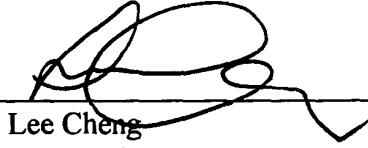
A copy of the Notice is also attached as required.

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that each requirement set forth in the Notice has been satisfied, and that the application is now in compliance with the sequence rules under 37 CFR 1.821-1.825. Accordingly, favorable examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Notice dated May 20, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Specification:

Page 1, line 5, replace the heading with the following new heading:

1. **Field of the Invention**

line 12, replace the heading with the following new heading:

2. **Description of the Related Art**

Page 5, line 2, replace the heading with the following new heading:

DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS